UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE)	
COMPANY OF AMERICA,)	
TD1 :)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
V.) CV	425 - 059
)	
ERIKKA WELLS, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

The Court previously granted Plaintiff The Prudential Insurance Company of America's ("Prudential") request to appoint a guardian ad litem for minor children J.C. and L.C. See doc. 50 at 14. The Court has confirmed that Mr. George T. Major, Jr., is willing to accept appointment as J.C. and L.C.'s guardian ad litem on a pro bono basis. The Court is grateful to Mr. Major for his willingness to accept the appointment. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 17(c), the Court APPOINTS George T. Major, Jr., Esq., 218 West State Street, PO Box 10186, Savannah, Georgia 31412, as guardian ad litem for interpleader defendants J.C. and L.C. "A guardian ad litem is authorized to act on behalf of his ward and make all appropriate decisions in the course of the specific litigation."

United States v. 30.64 Acres of Land, 795 F.2d 796, 805 (9th Cir. 1986); see also Thomas v. Humfield, 916 F.2d 1032, 1033 (5th Cir. 1990) (quoting 30.64 Acres of Land, 795 F.2d at 805). The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to substitute Mr. Major, in his capacity as guardian ad litem, in place of Lilrachia Monique Carter on behalf of interpleader Defendant defendants J.C. and L.C. Defendant Carter should remain a party in her individual capacity. The Clerk is also **DIRECTED** to provide courtesy electronic copies of all pleadings, notices, and other documents filed in this action to Mr. Major in his capacity as guardian ad litem. Should Mr. Major consent to electronic service of future papers as contemplated by Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, he is **DIRECTED** to file a notice of written consent under Rule 5(b)(2)(E) no later than January 9, 2026.

Counsel for Defendant Lilrachia Monique Carter, the minor children's mother, is **DIRECTED** to provide Mr. Major with the full name and contact information for J.C. and L.C. Mr. Major shall meet and confer with J.C. and L.C. as necessary and shall promptly report to the Court any interference (by any person, party, or counsel) with his duties as guardian *ad litem*. Deadlines in this case are currently stayed,

see doc. 50 at 12, with the deadline for civil motions falling on January 20, 2026, see doc. 51. The parties, including Mr. Major on behalf of J.C and L.C., are **DIRECTED** to file a joint status report no later than January 9, 2026, updating the Court on the status of this case, and informing the Court whether the parties are interesting in participating in a Court-facilitated settlement conference.

SO ORDERED this 31st day of December, 2025.

CHRISTOPHER L. RAY

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA